COUNCIL OF SOCIAL AGENCIES
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GROUP WORK AND RECREATION DIVISION

Ad Hoc Committee on Gang Survey Meeting

Tuesday,
March 22, 1960 — 10:30 a.m. — Council of Social Agencies
796 Broad Street, Newark

Mrs. Ira Y. Copen, Presiding

PRESENT: Mrs. Jeanette Adams, Lilburn Hurdle, George Cannon, Martin Livenstein

42 questionnaires were returned:

Public Schools	
Administration	4
Guidance Department	12
Recreation Department	7
Newark Library Branches	7
Public Housing Project	1
Private Housing Project	1
Social Agencies	4
Public Housing Tenant Council	1
Community Councils	1
Juvenile Court	1
West Hudson	3
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The questionnaires were segregated on basis of neighborhoods. Information contained in questionnaires were collated on master sheets for each neighborhood.

This was followed by general discussion with the following conclusions:

1. Purpose of study was to find out the number and location of gangs in Newark.

2. What trends, whether destructive or constructive, in behavior.

3. Where gangs located in area that did not have Group Work and Recreation Services and facilities.

4. It seems that Newark has a limited number of gangs. That it does not have gangs in the same sense as New York. Newark has a number of individuals who operate independently and some time join with two or three others to do some destructive vandalism. But the organized destructive gang is nil in Newark.

5. That there are a number of unaffiliated Friendship Groups in Newark but evidently since they have not become a problem, organizations have not contacted them and in some cases did not indicate that they were aware of these Friendship Groups.

6. Present material gathered from the questionnaires to Mr. Harry Serotkin, Council Division for Newark Community Survey. What is the significance of this material and what recommendations can be drawn from this material? From this material can we determine:

   (a) Where agencies already exist in an area are there significant unmet needs that these agencies can service?

   (b) Are there areas in the city with potential and existing problems where there are currently no adequate Group Work and Recreation Agencies and Services?

Respectfully submitted,

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